

**Amendments to the Specification:**

The Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be made to the Specification. On page 1, at line 14, please insert the following language:

**-- RELATED APPLICATION**

The invention described herein is a divisional application claiming priority from the U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/855,765, entitled "Wavelength Power Equalization by Attenuation in an Optical Switch", invented by Walter, et al., filed on May 14, 2001 and now issued as U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_. The aforementioned patent document is hereby incorporated by reference. --